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- 1) See attachments "Request for Corrected Patent Application" and "Pub. No.: US20020107580A1" to reference specific examples and descriptions for errors that are approved for correction and are listed below:

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A. "This application was previously published on August 8, 2002 as publication no. US 2002/0107580 A1. The publication erroneously substituted the abstract, specification, drawings and claims of another patent application (a floor covering) for the one mentioned above."

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